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Making memories



Above, Lori Saroglou works with her son, Camryn, 5, to create a "memory journal" during a monthly craft program sponsored by the Agawam Family and Community Program at the library on Tuesday. More photos on page 16. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Ar right, Sydney Seo, 9, puts some photos in her journal.



POLICE DEPT.

Lieutenant fined for ethics law violation

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An Agawam police lieutenant has been fined \$7,500 by the Massachusetts Ethics Commission for his handling of a drunk-driving incident in 2012. The Ethics Commission released a report in 2014 stating it believed Lt. Edward McGovern had used his position in the Police Department to direct his subordinate officers to act in an inappropriate manner.

A hearing was held in September 2015 and closing arguments were made in late November. The ruling was handed down on Dec. 16.

In making the decision, the Ethics Commission ruled McGovern had violated Massachusetts General Law Chapter 268A, section 23(b)(2)(ii), in giving an officer, Danielle Petrangelo, preferential treatment.

According to the decision, the law prohibits public employees from knowingly, or with reason to know, using or attempting to use their official positions to secure for themselves or others

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WALNUT STREET EXT.

Downtown plan now has rotary

Businesses objected to proposed pedestrian mall, parkland

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Planners hope businesses on Walnut Street Extension will agree to a beautification plan that keeps cars on the street but moves some parking.

Merchants in the neighborhood near the corner of Springfield and Suffield streets in Agawam, which is being targeted for redevelopment as a "walkable downtown," recently rejected a town Planning and Community Development Department proposal that would have turned the street into a park and pedestrian promenade. Under the new plan, to be presented at a property owners' meeting this month, the street remains open, but parking spaces will be sacrificed to give pedestrians more room. The plan also envisions turning the intersection of Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle into a roundabout, a kind of rotary.

Whether the changes — particularly the shift of some parking spaces away from the road-



The corner of Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle would be reconfigured as a rotary under the latest plan to develop a "downtown" area there. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

side — meet with approval from the businesses remains to be seen.

"There was some concern among the business owners that have older clientele," said Planning and Community Develop-

ment Director Marc Strange. "They are concerned those folks may have a longer walk to access some of the businesses. Several of the businesses there have parking

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PARANORMAL SOCIETY

Group finds spirits at Smith House

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Agawam Paranormal Society has brought its talents back home and presented its findings of an investigation in the historic Thomas Smith House.

Last Friday night, Agawam Paranormal Founder Rob Goff presented "Who Goes There?" to a group of approximately 150 paranormal enthusiasts at the Agawam Senior Center.

Goff, who did the presentation for the Agawam Cultural Council free of charge, talked about starting his ninth year of paranormal investigations, and gave an overview of his crew and some details on their process for investigations.

Goff started out nine years ago using the investigations as simply a family activity.

"It was just something we really wanted to do together," said Goff. "We watched the investigations on television as a family and I thought it was something we could go out and do a few times a year."

He said nine years have really flown by and he is so happy to be

doing investigations all over the region. He shared his experiences at locations in Holyoke, South Hadley and West Springfield.

Most recently, Goff's crew investigated Southwick Town Hall and the old Southwick Public Library. He said the response to the investigations was huge.

"We had a 'grand reveal' of our findings and there was 350 people at their town hall," said Goff. "We had to get a couple of police officers down there to manage the crowd."

Goff says his roster includes more than 30 people, with several of them specializing in certain aspects of paranormal investigations. He has a psychic who is not informed of the spaces she will be investigating to ensure a neutral reading of the psychic energies a location may have.

Goff's presentation for the Senior Center crowd was custom made. Goff said he makes presentations throughout the region, and has been to more than 40 different libraries.

For the Agawam presentation, he geared video clips and some

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Please recycle this newspaper

Permit required to burn yard waste

The Agawam Fire Department has announced that a permit is now required for the burning of yard waste, a new requirement this year. The permit is \$10 and allows residents to burn as often as necessary throughout the season provided conditions are safe. Burning season runs from Jan. 15 to May 1. Permit holders must call the Fire Department after 9:30 a.m. on days they wish to burn to ensure that conditions are safe. The Fire Department may not allow burning in dry or windy weather. All burning must be conducted between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information about outside burning and to apply for a permit, visit www.agawam.ma.us/burning, call 413-786-0657, or visit Fire Headquarters at 800 Main St., Agawam.

Seminar next Thursday looks at turning ‘clutter to cash’

SUFFIELD — Raymond Rose of Agawam will present a free seminar, “Turn Your Home’s Clutter into Cash,” at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Suffield Senior Center. This 45-minute seminar will focus on how to eliminate clutter; how to use Craigslist, eBay and Facebook to sell items; how to get rid of unused items using a “curb alert”; the best way to sell collectables; how to use a camera to help eliminate clutter; understanding estate sales; using home clean-out services; the best places to donate

goods, and more. Those attending this seminar will receive a \$1 discount off lunch at noon that day at the Suffield Senior Center, at 68 Bridge St., Suffield. Those that bring a friend that pays the normal \$3.50 lunch price will receive a \$1.50 discount. To register, call the Senior Center at 860-668-8830 or email pascoe@suffieldtownhall.com. Those registering are asked to state if they will be attending lunch or just the seminar, if they will be bringing a friend and if so, will the friend be attending lunch.

Youth jazz performance Thursday at E.B’s

EB’s Restaurant will host Youth Jazz Connection from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Directed by jazz guitarist Jay Messer, this program is designed to inspire local jazz students while providing them with specialized instruction in this genre and the opportunity to perform live. Performing at this event will be jazz band ensemble students from the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter School in South Hadley. Lael Drafield will perform on baritone sax, Dillon Zupp on alto sax, accompanied by Gus Kohlin on bass. For more information, call 413-789-3525 or visit ebsrestaurants.com.

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Flutist Sarah Swersey and guitarist Joe Belmont of Dúo Fusión will appear at the Agawam Public Library with a program of international music as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series on Friday, Feb. 5. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dúo Fusión brings global sounds to town

The 12th season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues at the Agawam Public Library Friday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. with an adventurous and enchanting concert by Dúo Fusión.

Flutist Sarah Swersey and guitarist Joe Belmont create exquisite sounds that soar all over the musical map — from J.S. Bach to Astor Piazzolla, Miles Davis to Gabriel Fauré, Spanish flamenco to Andes folk songs to surf guitar frenzy. Swersey's dazzling classical playing and Belmont's extraordinary jazz chops combine for a very memorable musical experience.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam, and can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at www.agawamcc.org. The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC.

Networking event Feb. 3 at Partners Restaurant

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold its next "Wicked Wednesday" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, hosted by Partners Restaurant, 485 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Wicked Wednesdays are monthly social events hosted by various businesses and restaurants, intended to bring members and non-members together to social network in a laid-back atmosphere.

The event, which is open to the public, is free for Chamber members and \$10 for non-members. Non-members must pay at the door.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Online fundraiser to help 'Amazing Aimee' walk again

A crowdfunding drive has been established at GoFundMe.com for Feeding Hills resident Aimee Beaudette, a 2003 graduate of Agawam High School who continues to battle the effects of a viral infection which resulted in traumatic brain injury in 2006.

Beaudette was a student at Framingham State University at the time, studying to become an early childhood educator. For the past nine years, through hard work and therapy, Beaudette has made great strides. The goal she is working toward now is walking again. Through research, her family discovered a state-of-the-art facility called Project Walk Paralysis Recovery Center.

Located in New Hampshire, Project Walk has been treating people living with paralysis for nearly two decades. It requires a five-hour round-trip once a week for her family, which is not covered by insurance. The staff has indicated that Beaudette is capable of two or more sessions per week.

One hundred percent of donations at GoFundMe.com/76fpzyak will be used for increased therapy for Beaudette. Checks are also welcome and can be made payable to Janet Shean and sent to "Amazing Aimee," P.O. Box 425, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.



Aimee Beaudette. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Aimee Beaudette is pictured at one of her therapy sessions with Project Walk.

Agawam teen's digital art on display at library

The Agawam Public Library will feature two unique art exhibits for the month of January.

Digital artwork by Sadie Parrotta, of Agawam, will be displayed on the library's gallery walls. Parrotta is a 16-year-old, self-taught artist who specializes in digital artwork. Her primary creative focus is on character drawing, but she loves to dabble in a wide variety of subject matters. Parrotta has exhibited her work in various art shows in the area.

In the double glass cases, M.K. Noble will exhibit "Roc Art," a multi-media art form using recycled materials such as pieces of sheetrock and Styrofoam, along

with plaster, cement and acrylic paint.

Noble, who is from Southwick, describes his art this way: "Inspiration for this art form came from my love of brick and mortar buildings (both old and new) and art nouveau designs and fun with abstract creations."

Both exhibits will be on display during regular library hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information on displaying artwork or collections at the library, call Cher Collins, adult services librarian, at 413-789-1550, ext. 8851, or email ccollins@agawamlibrary.org.

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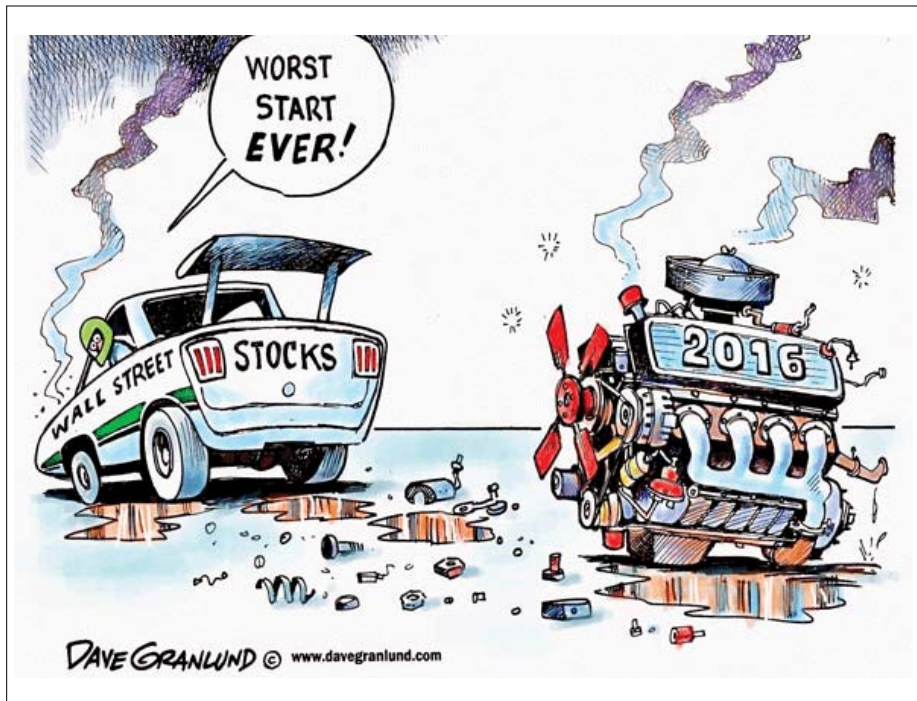
HEART to the Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame for recognizing one of Agawam's own, Carl Beane, with induction later this month. Beane, a 1971 Agawam High School graduate, became a longtime broadcaster who memorably served as the public address voice of the Boston Red Sox for a decade, 2003 to 2012. Although they may never have met him in person, a whole generation of New Englanders would instantly recognize his voice from the neighborly "ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to Fenway Park" that greeted them before each Sox home game. As a broadcaster, he also brought the game into our living rooms — from high school sports on a community AM radio station to a national Olympic telecast.

HEARTS to new City Council President Jimmy Cichetti and Vice President Joseph Mineo, and to Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, for at least saying the right things as they took office last week. Both the mayor, starting his eighth two-year term as the town's chief executive, and the council officers, both of whom are new to leadership, made a point of saying they want more cooperation between the mayor's office and the town's legislative branch. It's a great goal, but they'll have to work at it. Despite the change in leadership, 10 of the council's 11 members were re-elected from the previous two-year session. It's only natural for each branch to use the other as a scapegoat when things go wrong, a punching bag when the town hits a spot of bad luck and a shield to avoid making hard decisions. True cooperation will require deep reserves of sympathy, forbearance and courage. If Cohen, Cichetti and Mineo can find the strength to work together, however, the rest of the town can only benefit.

DART to news that Serta Simmons Bedding wants to move its Agawam operation to Windsor Locks. The state of Connecticut is reportedly offering the company an \$8 million loan to set up a new factory south of the border, with \$5 million of the debt to be forgiven if Serta keeps 200 jobs there for two years. Sure, municipal and state governments have been offering tax breaks, government-backed financing and outright giveaways to lure businesses across state lines for decades. That doesn't mean we have to like it when we're the losers, and it stings a bit more when the moving trucks will only be traveling two towns away. We've grown accustomed to losing our manufacturing jobs to the low-tax Southern states and low-wage foreign countries. Losing a big employer to Connecticut — hardly a low-cost-of-business area — is less expected.

HEARTS to Agawam Junior High School students Zachary Quick and Christian Rua — not just because of the impressive knowledge they demonstrated at the Geography Bee last month, but also because of the grace with which they handled a slight hitch in the proceedings, as Rua was prematurely announced the winner before a mistake was corrected. When the contest resumed, Quick eventually prevailed. The very day before — Sunday, Dec. 20 — the world saw a similar gaffe on a much larger stage, as host Steve Harvey announced the wrong winner for the Miss Universe pageant. Harvey's blunder resulted in awkwardness, then tears, then anger and recrimination. In Agawam on Dec. 21, an honest mistake didn't turn into a scandal. Quick got the championship title he had earned, and Rua was named "co-champion" — rather than runner-up — as compensation. In a larger sense, however, both students, and their parents, behaved like winners.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.



JAY SPEAKS

Money in sports now par for course

Shortly after my marriage, I was working in Connecticut and the company I was with believed that key employees should contribute time and energy in community organizations. It was good politically and was an excellent public relations tool. Many companies and institutions practice this even today.

My choice was to join the Jaycees. They were sort of a younger version of the Chamber of Commerce. The age group was 18 to 35. I was toward the high end but I still had a few years left. The big project for the Jaycees was the Insurance City Open, a major stop on the National Professional Golf Tour for Men.

The tourney was played on a course in Wethersfield and by professional standards, was a fairly easy par course. Having a little bit of food training, I was assigned to the job of setting up and running snack food stations around the golf course. We kept prices quite low, as I was familiar with these foods and beverages and it was fairly easy for me to get it going, and I had my own golf cart to navigate once the pros teed off.

When the tournament ended, the Jaycees leadership had a meeting to discuss what we were doing right and what we needed to do better. Our chair announced that a competitive tournament was being held at the same time in New York state and offered more money for winners, along with other benefits. Insurance City prize money was \$30,000. Our competitor's prize money was \$75,000. If we were going to attract top players, we had to be competitive.

Our executive group went out to see top insurance officers and they were successful in getting more prize money. We could offer \$75,000. We also sat down and figured what did we needed for the extras. Every professional athlete wanted to get product placement on his clothes (some of them looked like a walking billboard). The pro golfers wanted their own fancy automobile and a full-time driver.

Once again, our people went out and got a bunch of sponsors for the golfers and induced auto dealers to make cars available for the tournament.

The next step was to go out and recruit top golfing professionals to compete at the Insurance City Open.

I was nominated, along with three other members, to go to the next golf tournament, outside Baltimore. Our task was to convince top-notch golfers to come to

Wethersfield for the coming ICO. We arrived in Baltimore the night before, got a list of the golfers, picked out the ones we wanted to invite, and saw when they were teeing off and when we would get a chance to corral them.

My two golfers that I was assigned were Sam Snead of West Virginia and Justin Weaver of Georgia. As Snead came off the course, I approached him and introduced my topic. He quickly responded, "Oh, you have that quaint little match at the band-box outside Hartford. Well, you don't offer enough money, I need lots of endorsements, and a whole flock of other things."

I countered with the upgrade in prizes and endorsements and a vehicle. Snead said that he had a loyalty agreement with the other tourney, but he liked the idea of playing before different crowds and a small course where he might score well. He would not commit to us but said he would like us to stay in touch.

With Justin, the conversation really focused on the course. He said if he was going to be a big player, most of the tournaments were now playing on longer, tougher holes and he would think better about the ICO if we moved to a different locale.

My fellow Jaycees had pretty much the same experience. No golfer said a flat no, but they also didn't say, "I'll be there." Some of the demands were ludicrous, but I guess one asks for the moon when the chance arrives. The one thing we took away was the fact that we needed a tougher, longer course.

A couple of years later the tournament went through some changes. I aged out of the Jaycees over 35 years of age. It became the Greater Hartford Golf Tournament, held at Cromwell, Conn. Although it remains a national stop on the tour, we never reached the tip top of the golfing elite.

The prize money is in the six figures now, with mountains of endorsements and other goodies. The last time I attended the tournament, I left with a sad experience. I was walking onto the course after buying a ticket and I had to surrender my bottle of water with this comment: "You can buy water everywhere on the course. It's only \$3.50."

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.



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Obituaries

Rose Alessandri, 88

FLOWER MOUND, Texas — Rose (Mastromatteo) Alessandri, 88, formerly of North Street Extension in Agawam, passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, at her daughter's home in Texas.

She was born in Springfield on March 17, 1927, to the late Frank and Mary (Ceci) Mastromatteo. She lived in Agawam and West Springfield for most of her life.

She was extremely devoted to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and siblings. She was well



known as the "grapevine" of the entire family.

She was the loving widow of Victor Q. Alessandri (1997); beloved mother of Victor Alessandri and his wife Sharon of Agawam, Maryann Henry and her husband Carroll of Flower Mound, Texas, and Michael Alessandri and his wife Catherine of Feeding Hills; devoted grandmother of Christina Roberts and her husband Tyler, Ashley Henry, and Sean Alessandri; cherished great-grandmother of Madelena and Amalea Roberts; caring sister of the late Vito and Quanita Mastromatteo, Madeline Niemic and her late husband Joseph, the late

STCC with an associate's degree in general studies.

She is survived by a daughter, Diane Haskell, and a son, Robert Sloboda and his partner Gil Tunnell; three grandchildren, Michelle, Trey and Denise; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Raymond, George and David Vigneault and a sister-in-law, Claire Vigneault. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Sloboda; three brothers, O. Roland, Joseph and Har-

Marie and Joseph Polito, Frances Roberts and her late husband Robert, Lois Mastromatteo and her late husband Frank, Richard and Ellen Mastromatteo, Robert and Sharlene Mastromatteo, the late Salvatore Giovanetti, and Anthony and Estelle Giovanetti. She also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews.

There will be a funeral home service Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield St., West Springfield, followed by a burial at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Calling hours will be Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rose's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

vey Vigneault; and a sister, Lorraine McCormick.

A memorial service will be held at the family's convenience in Springfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements are in the care of Holloway Funeral Home PA, 501 Snow Hill Road, Salisbury, MD 21804. Visit www.hollowayfh.com to express condolences to the family.

Viola L. Sloboda, 98

SALISBURY, Md. — Viola L. Sloboda, 98, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, at her home in Salisbury. Born on March 25, 1917, in Springfield, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Laura Vigneault.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church and the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam. In 1987, at the age of 77, she graduated from

FAITH MATTERS

Mid-course correction

I have a tendency to drift, whether consciously or unconsciously. I find sometimes I'm like a ship which has set out for a far harbor. I encounter tides, winds, and storms that blow me off course. I need mid-course correction to keep me headed on the right path. Mid-course correction keeps me on course.

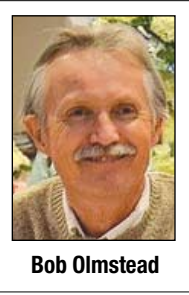
As 2015 passed into 2016, we took time to reflect, and resolve, and renew. In our reflection, we may have rejoiced in our successes and rued our weaknesses and failures. Resolving to do better, we may then have set new goals and renewed our determination to achieve them.

By God's grace we have aligned our priorities with His. Or better said, we have made His goals our goals. Once the targets are set, with objectives in place, let's consider:

1. It's not about us; it's all about Him. Let's place Him first on a daily basis.
2. Maintaining a servant's heart will help us walk out point 1.
3. Let love be our guide, grace our means, and the Holy Spirit our agent.
4. Forsake any form of comparison.
5. Personally spend time daily with Jesus and wait on His voice. Pray, hear and do.

Dallas Willard writes, "The aim of God in history is the creation of an all-inclusive community of loving persons with God himself at the very center of this commu-

nity as its prime Sustainer and most glorious Inhabitant." In the Bible, this community is called the Kingdom of God. This is what we are part of. And it is big.



Bob Olmstead

Jesus came to introduce His Kingdom on the earth. His purpose was to restore man to be what he once was: a container for God's Holy Spirit, so man once again would have right standing (righteousness) and a direct relationship with Father God. Is this your hope? Is this your life?

Jesus instructs us all to make mid-course correction. He says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." He would never have said this if it weren't important. This is a daily thing.

St. Paul echoes Jesus' sentiment, "Brothers," he says, "I do not consider that I have made it. But one thing I do — forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Off course? Don't fret. Just come back. Put all that stuff in the rear-view mirror. Forget what is behind. Set your heart and your focus on Christ and His Kingdom. Keep pressing forward. You'll find that the best is yet to come.

Bob Olmstead is a senior elder at Light-house Christian Church on Springfield Street.



Painting with fibers topic of TVAA presentation

The Tobacco Valley Artists Association will hold its monthly meeting and art demonstration at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Featured artist Diane Caswell Christian will demonstrate the use of fibers in creating a landscape painting.

"Serendipity brought felt-making into my life at a time when I needed to reconnect with the past and find a way to express my artistic side beyond the exacting dictionary illustration work I was doing at the time," said Christian when describing the unique qualities of her art. "The softness of the fibers, the feel of the soapy water, the magic moment when the loose fibers become felt appealed to my unfulfilled need to use my fingers to manipulate the medium. It often feels as though I am just a facilitator for the art, as though the pieces have their own need to be created."

"There is a kind of conversation that flows from my mind and through my fingers into the wool and back again, and during this exchange, the questioning mind quiets. The landscapes reflect this sense of peace, creating worlds that invite the viewer to enter and rest in solitude. Through the light and shade, the flowing organic lines, and the play of the

varying colors, the rush and rigidity of daily life falls away."

Christian uses the medium of felted wool and other fibers to depict landscapes that have depth and movement. She studied photography at Endicott College and studio art at Smith College and has worked as an illustrator. She began felt-making in 2006, and started teaching felt landscape classes in the Northeast in 2009. She also taught at the Midwest Felting Symposium in Madison, Wis., in 2014, and taught at the Felters' Rendezvous in Estes Park, Colo., in March 2015.

She is a current member of the Northeast Feltmakers Guild and Tobacco Valley Artists Association. Her felt landscapes have appeared in several juried art shows and have become part of private collections in the Northeast. She is the 2010 recipient of the Granby Land Trust Award for her felt landscape entry into their annual juried art show.

Tobacco Valley Artists Association is comprised of members throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. Regular meetings and artist demonstrations are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the time and location above. The public is welcome.

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DEATH NOTICES

Alessandri, Rose (Mastromatteo)

Died Jan. 10
Funeral Jan. 15
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home
West Springfield

Arnett, Arlene R.

Died Jan. 7
Private services
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
West Springfield

Liquori, Thomas

Died Jan. 7
Private services

Luccardi, Norma A.

Died Jan. 7
Private services
Agawam Funeral Home

Nigro, Agnes G.

Died Jan. 8
Funeral Jan. 14
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
Agawam

Sloboda, Viola L.

Died Jan. 5
Private services
Holloway Funeral Home
Salisbury, Md.

Spanos, Andrew J.

Died Jan. 9
Funeral Jan. 12
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
West Springfield

Young, Christopher J.

Died Jan. 2
Private funeral
Agawam Funeral Home

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unwarranted privileges or exemptions of substantial value which are not properly available to similarly situated individuals.

While McGovern argued he decided not to issue a citation or make an arrest based on lack of probable cause, the Ethics Commission was persuaded she was indeed operating the motor vehicle in question and was likely intoxicated.

The decision states McGovern should have at least issued a citation.

The decision further states McGovern was the officer-in-charge, and was responsible for determining what occurred at the scene. The commission believes McGovern failed to conduct a meaningful investigation.

The incident in question occurred on June 29, 2012. According to an investigation and report conducted by Eric Gillis, then a police lieutenant and now the department's chief, McGovern was informed by his sergeant that an off-duty police officer, Petrangelo, had been stopped in her personal vehicle after being found to be traveling the wrong way on Route 5 in Agawam, a divided highway.

Petrangelo was stopped at 9:20 p.m. by the West Springfield police near that town's border with Agawam. After officers recognized Petrangelo, Agawam police were called to the scene.

One Agawam officer described Petrangelo as intoxicated, with bloodshot eyes and unsteady on her feet, the ethics report states.

The Agawam sergeant arrived at the scene and described Petrangelo as "annihilated" after smelling alcohol on her and observing her behavior.

McGovern went to the scene, and told his officers he was concerned for Petrangelo's emotional state. He instructed one officer to bring Petrangelo home, and another officer to bring her personal vehicle home. She was not charged with any crime and was not cited.

In March 2013, former District Attorney Mike Mastrianni issued statement criticizing the Agawam Police Department for giving Petrangelo a "built-in" defense by not citing her for her conduct. Without a citation, his office had no basis to build a case.

As a result of the incident, Mayor Richard Cohen had ordered an internal investigation, which was completed by Gillis. Gillis' report was released when requested by the media in March 2013.

Gillis' report concluded that Petrangelo was clearly intoxicated on June 29, 2012, and she jeopardized her safety and the motoring public.

"That her actions did not result in a devastating tragedy is simply miraculous, and we as a department and as a community need to consider ourselves lucky this incident concluded the way that it did," the report states.

The ethics report states McGovern was the highest-ranking officer present and therefore responsible for the scene. It also referenced the report by Mastrianni and states Petrangelo received preferential treatment by the Agawam police based on her status as an officer.

"The failure of officers to issue a citation at the scene precludes the district attorney from pursuing a criminal complaint against the driver," the report states.

Petrangelo is no longer employed by the town.

McGovern is still employed by the town of Agawam, Cohen said, but he would not discuss the ethics report.

"The town is aware of the ethics decision," said Cohen. "It relates to a matter that has already been addressed by the town. As this is a personnel issue, I cannot comment further."

Gillis did not return a call seeking comment. A call to McGovern's attorney also was not returned.

WinterFest to feature magician, puppet theater

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The second West Springfield WinterFest will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, and will include a magician and a puppet theater, both dazzling audiences of all ages, according to Roberta Page, president of It's West Springfield, the community organization coordinating WinterFest.

Magician Magic Al will be in the Majestic Theater, 131 Elm St., at 11 a.m. with his amusing and mind-boggling feats of magic. Al has performed for audiences of all ages from the United States to all branches of the military as far away as Bosnia. The black top hat and wardrobe add to the mystery of his magic.

The Gerwick Puppet Theater will bring

Aesop's fables to life at 2 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brigham Hall, 214 Elm St., with ten 18 inch tall hand and rod puppets enacting the Country Mouse and the City Mouse, the Fox and the Crow, the Dog and His Reflection and the Fox, the Donkey and the Lion.

"Anyone who has not seen Magic Al or the Gerwick puppets is in for a special treat. It doesn't matter one's age," said Page.

The two free performances are in the central business district with ease of walking, parking and bus service.

For more information call It's West Springfield at 413-279-4567 or email its-westspringfield@gmail.com.

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right outside of their buildings. However, I do not foresee it being a big problem."

Strange said an earlier plan would have removed the roadway and installed a sort of promenade with grassy areas and park benches.

"That would have been great to have a nice green area with room to walk," said Strange. "But the reality is with all the industrial properties located on the road, it is just not feasible to remove the road. It also met a lot of resistance from the business owners and some town officials."

He also said the plan would have resulted in a number of land takings that would have also met resistance.

The chosen design will create more sidewalks and beautify the street in hopes of making it more attractive to businesses and shoppers.

A large component of beautifying Walnut Street Extension will be cleaning up Games and Lanes, a sizable vacant property that has descended into disrepair. A redevelopment company is ready to buy the property and clean it up for resale, Strange said, but is waiting for final environmental tests of neighboring properties, mandated by the

federal Environmental Protection Agency. Those tests were delayed by property owners on Suffield Street who declined to give the town permission to take air samples in their basements, Strange said. The town recently received a waiver to conduct tests outside the buildings, he said, and those tests may be complete this week.

The town will seek MassWorks grant funds to help with construction of the Walnut Street Extension project. The town can apply for up to \$1 million.

Apart from Walnut Street Extension, there aren't any other big projects on the Planning Department's radar, Strange said.

"We do get applications for developments all the time, but nothing as of now has gone forward or is in the review process," said Strange.

Affordable housing, however, is a big topic, and Strange said the Agawam Housing Committee, a subcommittee started by the Agawam City Council, is the midst of conducting a study of the affordable housing needs of the community.

Strange said the Planning and other town departments were recently interviewed as part of the study.

PARANORMAL ■ from page 1

findings to show locations that were local to the residents.

Agawam Paranormal investigators begin by making a preliminary visit to a location during the daytime to map out the building and research its history. They would document all the different rooms and halls and target areas for their investigation. The investigators would also interview employees that may have worked in a location to get their take on activity in the location.

They would then return during the evening. The crew would come into the building and set up their camera equipment and meters and observe the cameras and walk around the building attempting to identify paranormal activity.

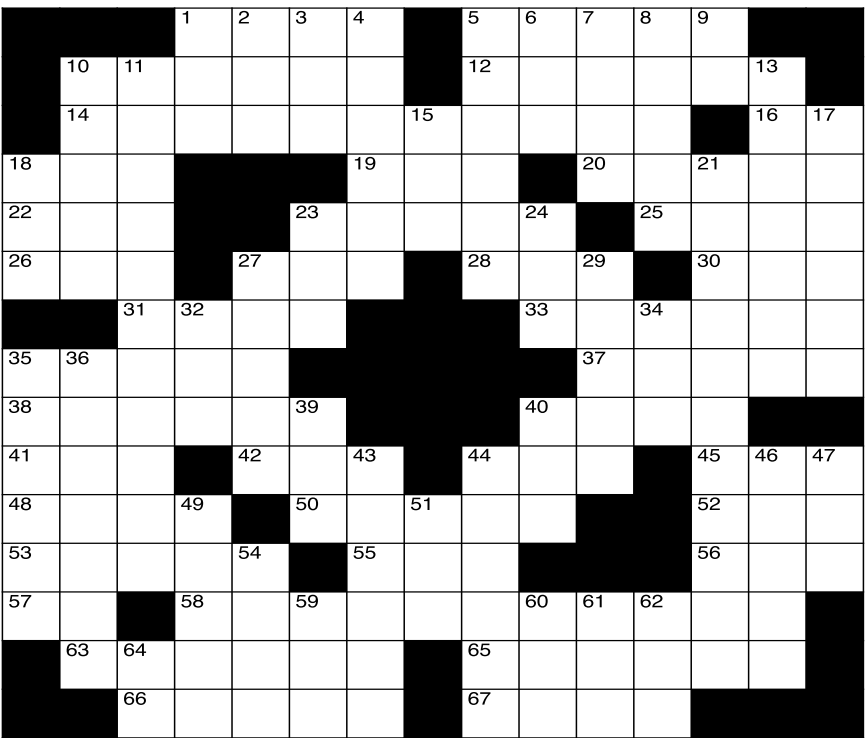
They would set up many infrared and

night vision video cameras and other equipment that could detect flashes, movements, and noises that might suggest there is paranormal activity.

With the Thomas Smith House, Goff showed several minutes of video that displayed examples of activity.

"We had a pretty interesting time there," said Goff. "We were able to pick up a lot of activity."

Agawam Paranormal believes the flashes and movements found through their videos and other equipment are signs of spirit of previous inhabitants of a location, or in the case of public buildings, a person who worked there and whose spirit is not at rest.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Color properties
- 5. Arabian greeting
- 10. Frozen spike
- 12. Levels
- 14. Tear down social stiffness
- 16. Rapper Hammer's initials
- 18. Midway between E and SE
- 19. Shooting marble
- 20. Edward __, British composer
- 22. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 23. Cygnus' brightest star
- 25. Goidelic language of Ireland
- 26. Midway between N and NE
- 27. Auditory organ
- 28. Last month (abbr.)
- 30. Indicated horsepower (abbr.)
- 31. Mediation council

- 33. Aussie crocodile hunter
- 35. Sylvan deity
- 37. Clears or tidies
- 38. In a way, emerges
- 40. Whimper
- 41. G. Gershwin's brother
- 42. Begetter
- 44. Seated
- 45. Old world, new
- 48. Girls
- 50. "Song of triumph"
- 52. A covering for the head
- 53. Attack
- 55. Norwegian krone
- 56. Coach Parseghian
- 57. No good
- 58. Task that is simple
- 63. A way to move on
- 65. In a way, advanced
- 66. Loses weight
- 67. Shift sails

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Go quickly

- 2. Fiddler crabs
- 3. Cervid
- 4. Gundog
- 5. Gushed forth
- 6. Caliph
- 7. Shoe cord
- 8. Give extreme unction to
- 9. Of I
- 10. "A Doll's House" author
- 11. Documents certifying authority
- 13. Drunk
- 15. Principal ethnic group of China
- 17. Crinkled fabrics
- 18. Longest division of geological time
- 21. Pancake
- 23. Small pat
- 24. A garden plot
- 27. Strayed
- 29. Surgical instrument
- 32. No. French river
- 34. Modern
- 35. Now called Ho Chi
- 36. Set into a specific format
- 39. Exhaust
- 40. Individual
- 43. Moves rhythmically to music
- 44. D. Lamour "Road" picture costume
- 46. Having earlike appendages
- 47. Certified public accountant
- 49. Outermost part of a flower
- 51. Supplement with difficulty
- 54. Plains Indian tent (alt. sp.)
- 59. Electronic warfare-support measures
- 60. Displaying a fairylike aspect
- 61. Taxi
- 62. They __
- 64. Syrian pound

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Tripping

Monthly: Mohegan Sun Casino trip with the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center. Trips for 2016 are Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26. \$25 per person. Call Penny at Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

Jan. 25: 2 p.m. presentation at the American Inn, 1 Saw Mill Park, Southwick, about a trip to South America in January 2017.

Feb. 9: Mohegan Sun Casino. \$21 per person includes \$15 meal credit or free buffet and \$20 bet. Leave Southwick Senior Center, 454 College Highway at 8 a.m. Registration required by Jan. 22 at the Senior Center office or by calling 413-569-5498. Payment due at registration.

March 12-19: London, England trip hosted by Westfield State Alumni Assoc. \$1,739 per person double occupancy if paid by credit card; discount if paid by cash or check. Single rooms available for additional fee. \$400 deposit due at booking; full balance due 75 days before departure. Call Kathi Bradford at 413-485-7355 or visit www.westfieldalumni.org. Room and meal taxes included.

March 15: St. John's Travelers to Chez Josef in Agawam for show featuring Tony Kenny direct from Ireland. \$59 per person includes lunch. Call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

March 21-24: Ocean City, Md., for "Branson at the Beach." \$798 per person, double occupancy; \$778 per person, triple; \$998, single. Call Emile Cote at St. John's Travelers, 413-335-9440.

April 11: Newport Playhouse and Cabaret for the day for dinner theater with a buffet, followed by a short play, "One Slight Hitch," and a comedic cabaret show. \$92, due by March 4. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

April 12: Bennington, Vt. \$72 per person. Call Penny Hardick, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

April 24-29: Las Vegas, Nevada. \$869 per person/double, triple; \$1,069 per person, single occupancy. Call Penny Hardick, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

April 30: U.S. Military Academy Review at West Point. \$114 per person due Feb. 1. Call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

May 6-14: Alaska inside passage cruise. 10 days, nine nights sailing from Seattle, Wash. Call Emile Cote with St. John's Travelers, 413-335-9440.

May 17-19: Amish Country, Lancaster, Penn. \$419 per person, double occupancy; \$397 per person, triple occupancy; \$507 per person, single occupancy. Call Penny Hardick, Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

May 24: Will and Anthony Nunziata at Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Conn. Broadway meets the music of old Italy. \$94 due by April 18. Call George Wheeler, Southwick

Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

June 6-19: Escorted Alaska land and cruise trip will include six nights on land and seven nights on the Holland America cruise ship Zaandam. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

June 14-16: Lancaster, Pa., for a showing of "Sampson and Delilah." \$448 per person, double occupancy; \$428 per person, triple; \$598, single. \$50 deposit is required. Call Emile Cote at St. John's Travelers, 413-335-9440.

June 30: Adams National Park in Quincy for guided Park Service tours of the birthplaces of John Quincy Adams and his father John Adams. Lunch in Boston at the Chart House Restaurant and a visit to the North End, Boston's Little Italy. \$88 due by May 23. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

July 21: Lobster dinner at Mike's Clam Shack in Wells, Maine, followed by a guided driving tour of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport past the Bush estate. \$97 due June 14. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

Aug. 16: Lighthouse cruise on Narragansett Bay, R.I. Lunch at Captain Jack's. \$97 due by July 8. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

Sept. 23: Essex Steam Train for a hot lunch in a 1920s Pullman diner car, and Becky Thatcher Riverboat cruise on the Connecticut River. \$98 due by Aug. 16. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

Oct. 3-12: "Britain Sampler" trip hosted by Westfield State Alumni Assoc. \$3,999 per person twin occupancy. \$400 deposit due at booking; full balance due 75 days before departure.

Oct. 20: Ascend to the top of the tallest building in the western hemisphere, One World Trade Center, in less than 60 seconds, and see the panorama of New York City. Lunch on your own at South Street Seaport. \$79 due Sept. 13. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

Nov. 15-17: Pennsylvania Dutch country, Lancaster, Pa. Two nights at Heritage Hotel, family-style meal in an Amish home, tour the National Christmas Center, shop at Kitchen Kettle Village, enjoy "Samson," a new show at the Sight and Sound Theatre. Visit Byer's Choice and Peddler's Village. \$435, with a deposit of \$150 due Aug. 30. Balance due Oct. 4. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

Dec. 8: Gilded Age Christmas in the Hudson Valley at the Vanderbilt Mansion and FDR's Hyde Park with an elegant lunch at Shadows on the Hudson. Cost is to be announced in June. Call George Wheeler, Southwick Travelers group leader, at 413-569-3854.

Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 342 calls for service from Jan. 5 to Jan. 11. The department recorded eight arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Jennifer L. Gingras, 36, of 23 Lincoln St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Joseph James Bruce Scott Jr., 51, of 313 Springfield St., Apt. 4, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Jon C. Nutting, 47, of 238 Maple St., Apt. F4, Agawam, was arrested on charges of attaching plates to a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with license revoked as habitual traffic offender, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, no inspection sticker, and a default warrant for failure to appear.

Karl Vincent, 38, of 238 Maple St., Apt. F4, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of possession of a Class A drug, subsequent offense, and two default warrants for failure to appear.

Sunday, Jan. 10

Danny Buteau, 49, of 35 Summit St., West Springfield, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Monday, Jan. 11

Jeanpaul J. Sicard III, of 31 Amherst Ave., Agawam, was arrested on charges of possession to distribute Class A drug, three counts of distribution of Class A drug, and drug violation near school or park.

Stephen Milanovich, 38, homeless, was arrested on charges of possession to distribute Class A drug, and drug violation near school or park.

Theresa A. Godfrey, 55, of 31 Amherst Ave., Agawam, was arrested on charges of distribution of Class A drug, and drug violation near school or park.

FIRE LOG

Agawam Fire Department logs for Jan. 5-12 were not received by press time. They will be printed in a future edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.

Tickets available for legislative breakfast

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold its legislative breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Storrowton Tavern, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

The breakfast will feature a panel of legislators, including state Sens. James Welch and Donald Humason, and state Reps. Nicholas Boldyga and Michael Finn, along

with Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen and West Springfield Mayor Will Reichelt.

Tickets are \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members.

For more information on ticket sales, contact the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or email info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Storrowton looks at Civil War letters

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Eastern States Exposition's Storrowton Village Museum will host its annual First Person Presentation, "Dear Sarah ... Letters Home during the Civil War," by historian Carolyn Ivanoff, Friday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m., in the village's historic Meetinghouse at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

The special presentation on life during the Civil War follows the wartime experiences of Pvt. F.H. Smith of Derby and Burlington, Conn., who served with the 20th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. "Dear Sarah ..." features excerpts of letters written by Smith to his wife, in which he describes life in the Union Army, his feelings about the war and the Emancipation Proclamation.

Through this correspondence, period documents and records of the town of Derby, Ivanoff reconstructs Smith's time in the Union Army to tell the story of why a man would leave his home and family in 1862 to fight in the war and the trials and events that the men and women of the Civil War generation faced in order to preserve the Union.

Ivanoff, assistant principal at Shelton

Intermediate School in Shelton, Conn., is an educator with more than 25 years in the industry. She collaborates with local, state, and national historical, preservation and educational organizations to provide academic and civic involvement opportunities for the community. Ivanoff is a past recipient of the Civil War Preservation Trust's Civil War Preservationist Teacher of the Year and assisted in the development of the Civil War Trust's national Civil War curriculum.

Admission to "Dear Sarah ..." is \$5 per person. Space is limited and reservations are encouraged but not required. Tickets will be available at the door. This program contains content that may not be suitable for young audiences.

For more information and to make reservations, call the village at 413-205-5051. Visit TheBigE.com to find out about all events at Eastern States Exposition throughout the year.

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New year, new game for Rosie Robotics

Rosie Robotics, the Agawam High School FIRST Robotics team, is in the beginning stages of brainstorming for its new robot to play in this year’s game. Students Brianna Gaynor, Kim Reardon and Mike Hollywood traveled with mentors Scott and Sue Pearson, Meleen Gaynor, John Hollywood and Dana Henry to Manchester, N.H., to see the game reveal in real time.

CAMPUS NOTES

Hudson Valley Community College: Christopher Breault, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester dean’s list.
Lasell College: Lauren Muszynski, of Agawam, and Sarah Murphy, of Feeding Hills, were named to the dean’s list for the fall semester.
Western New England University: Mark

After the reveal, the teams assembled on the field to interview the game design committee and gather as much engineering data as possible. The balance of the team watched the kick-off at AHS via live streaming on the Web. The team now has six weeks to design and build a 120-pound robot to play “Stronghold.”
K. Walker Jr., of Agawam, was elected to the Student Senate during elections for the 2015-16 school year.
WillistonNorthampton School: Caroline Wysocki of Agawam achieved high honors for the third trimester; Noah DeVos and Michael Lloyd, of Feeding Hills, achieved honors for the third trimester.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school’s website.	dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Monday, Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No school. Tuesday, Jan. 19: Hot dog with bun, baked fries, Boston baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit. Wednesday, Jan. 20: Baked potato bar with toppings, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit. Thursday, Jan. 21: Grilled cheese on whole-wheat, tomato soup, whole-grain Goldfish crackers, carrots with low-fat ranch, fresh and chilled fruit. Friday, Jan. 22: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.	Thursday, Jan. 21: Grilled cheese on whole-wheat, tomato soup, whole-grain Goldfish crackers, carrots with low-fat ranch, fresh and chilled fruit. Friday, Jan. 22: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.
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Legals

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM** in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council on a proposed Zoning Amendment entitled “Non-Forming Uses.” A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
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Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library, Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, February 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of Steve Deland-Shibley Court, who is seeking a Variance from Section 180-31 (C) of the Agawam Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of an apartment unit at the premises identified as 33 Norman Terrace, also known as Shibley Court.

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1/14/16

Registration open for kindergarten

Agawam families with a child who be 5 years old by Sept. 1 may register their child for kindergarten now.
Enrollments will be taken through the end of summer for the 2016-17 school year. Families should register directly with their neighborhood’s assigned elementary school. Parents uncertain about what school serves their address should call the School Department Central Office at 413-821-0552.
All incoming kindergarten students will be screened at their respective school. Assigned times will be provided to families once their registration forms have been submitted. Students only attend one date listed below.
There are four elementary schools in Agawam:
• Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St., Agawam; 413-821-0586. Screenings on April 12 and 13.
• Clifford M. Granger School, 31 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills; 413-821-0580.

Screenings on April 26 and 27.
• James Clark School, 65 Oxford St. (off South Street), Agawam; 413-821-0571. Screenings on March 28 and 29.
• Robinson Park School, 65 Begley St. (off Maple Avenue), Agawam; 413-821-0582. Screenings on April 5 and 6.
Agawam schools will also hold two events for parents of incoming kindergartners.
Keys to Kindergarten: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Agawam educators will discuss the myths and realities of kindergarten registration. Hosted by the Agawam Family and Community Program; registration is not required.
Parent Information Night: 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Phelps School, 695 Main St., Agawam. Administrators will answer any questions parents have in regard to their child entering Agawam public schools. Hosted by the School Department.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

College acceptances
Cody Baker — Siena College, Unity College; Sabrina Budington — Keene State College, Long Island University, University of Southern Maine, Westfield State University; Richard Dolan — United States Army; Meghan D’Amours — Keene State College; Jordan Frazee, Eastern University, Liberty University; Ben King — Western New England University; Taylor Kozel, Curry College; Elizabeth LaCroix — Culinary Institute of America; Todd Maniscalchi — Loyola University (Maryland), University of New Hampshire; Christopher Newton — Quinnipiac University; Natalie Rauh — Newbury College; Cameron Verville — Curry College; Emily Whitman — Keene State College; The College of Saint Rose, Worcester State University; Nicole Whitman — Keene State College .

Special interest programs
FAFSA Day 2016 is a non-profit, volunteer-driven program providing free assistance to students seeking to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For anyone attending college in the fall of 2016, this is an opportunity not to miss. The event will be offered at Springfield Technical Community College on Jan. 31 at 1 p.m., Holyoke Community College on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m., and Amherst-Pelham Regional High School on Jan. 28. Families can learn more and register at <http://fafsaday.org>
Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based non-profit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 10, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$55 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions.
Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.
Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While

tuition is waived, students will pay a \$20 registration fee and \$50 technology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.
The railroad industry is thriving and railroad companies are looking for qualified workers to fill a variety of positions. The Railroad Engineering Technology Associate Degree program at Gateway Community College (New Haven, Conn.) prepares students for such careers. Contact Rick Halkyard at 203-285-2311 for more information.

Scholarship information
Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: the Ronald McDonald House Charities; Walter S. Barr Scholarship; William R. Rooney Scholarship; Hood Milk Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Edward P. Boland Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; the Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; Phillips Scholarship Fund; Michael Yaskick ADHD Scholarships by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Skidmore College; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program; Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship.
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Did You Know: The following schools have very interesting mascots: University of California at Santa Cruz — banana slugs; Delta State University—fighting okra; North Carolina School of Arts — fighting pickles; Scottsdale Community College — fighting artichokes; Evergreen State College — speedy geoduck; Trinity Christian College —trolls.

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Relay recruiting 'superheroes' to fight cancer

The Relay for Life of Agawam is looking for people who will "fight like superheroes" to help destroy one of today's chief villains, cancer.

On the evening of Jan. 21, the Relay will recruit superheroes at a kickoff for the 2016 event, to be held this May at Agawam's School Street Park. The kickoff will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Country Club, 128 Southwick St. in Feeding Hills, across from the Polish-American Club. This year's theme is "Fight Like Superheroes!"

Patricia Wolos doesn't consider herself a superhero, but she knows what it means to fight like one. She did that when she was a caregiver to her cancer-stricken sister. The Agawam resident said she still feels the pain of losing her sister Eileen to breast cancer 33 years ago. "It still feels like it happened yesterday. She died in my arms at Mercy Hospital. I will never forget that."

At the kickoff, Wolos will talk about the important physical and emotional support caregivers provide to loved ones who have cancer. She will urge everyone involved with the Relay — caregivers, cancer survivors, businesses, teams, and sponsors — to defeat cancer by fighting like superheroes.

"We see superheroes fighting villains everywhere — TV and movies, comic books, and video games. But to me, the most important superheroes are those who dedicate themselves to fighting cancer, supporting people with the disease, getting cancer-prevention screenings, and working with the American Cancer Society to help 'wipe out' cancer," she said.

The kickoff will be held almost five months from the start of the May 20-21 Relay. The January event is designed to help people renew or begin their efforts to find a cure for cancer. Janine Iacolo, a volunteer co-chair of the 2016 Relay, said it's a "perfect opportunity" for people new to Relay to become more familiar with what it is and how it works.

Fundraising tips, how money raised at Relay helps fight cancer, how to form or join a team, and what happens at the overnight Relay also will be discussed, said Samantha Rudd, the other co-chair. She added that the kickoff is a way to learn more about how Relay helps the ACS.

"Money raised at Relay not only helps to fund research to find a cure for cancer, but also provides money for programs and services that assist caregivers and cancer patients during treatment and recovery," said Rudd.



Agawam resident Patricia Wolos holds a photo of her sister Eileen, who died in her arms from breast cancer 33 years ago. Wolos will talk about the important role of cancer caregivers at the Relay for Life of Agawam kickoff event Jan. 21. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Iacolo said teams can register at the kickoff or anytime online, but teams registering between Jan. 18 and Jan. 22 will be eligible to be entered into a special drawing for several prizes, including a \$50 gift certificate to the Plan B Burger Bar restaurant in Springfield and special parking at Relay.

Teams and individuals will be recognized during the kickoff for their contributions during the 2015 Relay. These recognitions help to rejuvenate teams as they set their fund-raising goals for 2016.

In addition, a number of local businesses will be hon-



Janine Iacolo, left, and Samantha Rudd, this year's Relay for Life co-chairs, strike a "superhero" pose in keeping with this year's theme, "Fight Like Superheroes!"

ored for helping make Relay a success. Those businesses include Allied Flooring & Paint, Colorbomb Studios, Ever-source, Home Depot, H.P. Hood, Sarat Ford Lincoln and TNT Rentals.

During Relay, teams set up campsites and take turns walking or running around a designated route. Teams start in the evening, continue to walk through the night, and end the next day. At least one person from each team walks at all times to symbolize that cancer never sleeps. Many teams also hold creative fundraisers during Relay at team campsites.

The fund-raising goal for 2016 is \$85,000. Since 2012, the Relay in Agawam — one of the most successful new Relays in this area — has raised a total of more than \$200,000 to help fund cancer research. The American Cancer Society has been organizing Relays for Life since 1985, raising nearly \$5 billion to fight cancer.

To register for the Jan. 21 kickoff, contact Iacolo at 413-478-9491, jiacolo@aol.com or rflflagawam@gmail.com; or Linda Remillard at the American Cancer Society office, 413-493-2150 or linda.remillard@cancer.org. For more information about the Relay, visit www.relayforlife.org/agawamma or the Relay for Life of Agawam Facebook page.

Ciak retires



Maria Yacovone, Pamela Weingart, Andrea Ciak, administrative assistant at the Agawam Public Library, Mayor Richard Cohen and Judy Clini, library director, look on as Mayor Richard Cohen presents Ciak with a citation for her recent retirement. Ciak has been an employee of the town for almost 42 years. Prior to coming to the library in 2012, she worked at the Department of Public Works. SUBMITTED PHOTO

BUSINESS

Sound Seal acquires N.Y. firm

Agawam-based Sound Seal has acquired industrial noise control expert IAC Acoustics of Bronx, N.Y., the company announced last week. It is the second major expansion for Sound Seal in just over a year.

"With the acquisition of Industrial Noise Control (INC) in 2014, Sound Seal expanded our offering to include high performance acoustic metal solutions, manufactured in our 55,000 square foot facility located in North Aurora, Ill.," said Joe Lupone, CEO of Sound Seal. "Today's acquisition of IAC Acoustics significantly increases both our manufacturing capabilities and the breadth of rigid metal noise control systems available to Sound Seal customers. IAC Acoustics, in partnership with a very capable group of seasoned noise control

distributors, brought the IAC brand to the pre-eminent position it holds today. Sound Seal is committed to building on this position by delivering innovative products and world class service to our customers, our distributor partners and the acoustic consultant community."

Like INC, IAC Acoustics will become a division of Sound Seal and continue to offer its noise control system products, including HVAC silencers, acoustic louvers, sound control architectural doors and windows, and soundproof rooms.

Sound Seal, based on H.P. Almgren Drive in Feeding Hills, is an independent company owned by members of its management team and its primary investor, Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners.

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SPORTS

HOCKEY

Lancers rally to overcome Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The season continues to get more frustrating for the Agawam ice hockey team, which has dropped well below .500 in losing its fifth straight decision during the past week.

The Brownies suffered defeats to Algonquin last weekend, and Longmeadow last Thursday night.

Against Longmeadow, the Brownies had a lead, but a six-goal third period allowed Longmeadow to come all the way back and defeat Agawam 7-4.

The Brownies started out with a goal with about 4:00 left in the first period as Niko Passerini connected.

With about 59 seconds remaining in the period, Agawam increased its lead to 2-0.

Agawam was on the attack and John Passerini made a shot directly on goal. His shot bounced off the goalie and Keith Ruby was there to backhand the rebound into the net.



Goalie Connor McAnanama guards against a shot in tight pressure. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Brownies remain in tourney hunt

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls basketball team is still holding its own as it seeks a playoff spot this season.

Agawam had another split week as it won and lost and remained at the necessary .500 mark to be in contention for a spot in the tournament.

Last Thursday night, the Lady Brownies suffered a tough defeat on the road against a surging Longmeadow team that is likely going to make a lot of noise in the Division 1 Tournament this year.

Longmeadow, thanks to a big performance from Kayla Mokwuah, rolled over Agawam, 68-31, at Longmeadow High School.

Agawam's offense sputtered after they were in the game throughout the first quarter. Longmeadow as able to jump out to an early lead, but a couple of big shots from Meghan D'Amours and a trey from Christie Mirski kept Agawam close as they trailed 18-12 early on.

The Longmeadow defense started really pressuring and Agawam simply could not handle it as they rushed shots and were off balance for the next 16:00 of play.

Agawam limited to just two points in the second quarter and two points in the third quarter while Longmeadow surged to a 49-14 lead after three frames.

The Lady Brownie offense was able to come back in the last quarter, but it was way too late to overcome the deficit.

Mirski would finish the game with 12 points to lead the Brown-



Agawam's Allison Wheeler (3) looks to go up for a shot in the paint. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

ies. D'Amours had 10 points.

Agawam did open 2016 with a win as they defeated West Springfield, 44-33, last Tuesday night at home.

The Terriers, which have been

tournament contenders the past few seasons, are struggling on offense and their neighboring rivals took advantage of that early in

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SWIMMING

Welch helps out Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys swimming team would split a pair of meets and now stand at 3-3 in dual meet competition this season.

Last Friday, the Brownies put up a good fight with some convincing wins in events, but ultimately fell against host Minnechaug, 112-66.

Agawam got two individual wins from David Welch as well a contribution in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Welch would win the 100-yard freestyle event with a time of 52.76 seconds and captured the 200-yard Individual Medley in 2:12.66.

David Wheat would also capture a pair of individual wins with a victory in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:07.16 and a win in the 100-yard butterfly in 56.78.

In the one-meter diving competition, Victory Shapovalov would win the event for the Brownies with 160.25 points.

Last Tuesday, the Brownies would edge out host Amherst, 88-81.

For Agawam, Wheat had two victories as he captured the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle events.

Shapovalov had a winning time of 2:10.20 in the 200-yard Individual Medley and also cap-

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WRESTLING

Agawam pins down Longmeadow

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam wrestling team had an excellent weekend and returned to league action last Wednesday night against Longmeadow.

The Brownies would win their first league dual meet of the year, defeating the Lancers 54-15.

Agawam did all of its work on the mat utilizing a few different faces in their lineup in this meet. The Brownies only had one forfeit in the meet.

The quickest win of the evening came from Dominic Ledoux as he defeated James Shea with a takedown and secured the pin in just 45 seconds. Ledoux commanded

the match very early, but needed a few extra ticks to get the second shoulder down for the count.

Eathan Brooks had a victory for Agawam at the heavyweight position. He defeated William Dion in the second period of their match. Brooks struggled a bit, but eventually scored the takedown. He would go into the second round and managed to turn over Dion quickly to get the pinfall.

Spencer Kozlak continued his excellent season as the starter at 195 pounds for the Brownies.

He has won most of his matches and defeated Adam Brock in 1:26 with a pinfall.

At 113 pounds, Jada Miller was

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Sports



Agawam's Riley Pearson tries to get the puck out of the corner. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Domenic Ingham starts a break down the left side.

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Down by two goals, the Lancers were able to come back with a quick goal about 30 seconds later to cut the lead to 2-1.

In the second period, Agawam was able to score again. The Brownies would take advantage of a power play. A pass came from the outside and found the stick of Brett Fila, who one-timed a slapshot into the goal. Fila's shot was on the left side of the net, and squeezed right between the goalie and the open space into the net.

Agawam held the same lead heading into the third period, but there still was a significant deficit in shots. Longmeadow was up 22-11 midway through the second period, but peppered goalie Connor McAnanama in the third.

Despite the loss, McAnanama had a career high in saves with 55.

Agawam trailed 6-4 near the end of the game, and pulled McAnanama. They allowed an empty netter to ice the game for Longmeadow.

Anthony Passerini also had a goal for the Brownies, scoring in the third period. Longmeadow got a hat trick from Michael Tabb.

Two Longmeadow goalies combined to make 21 saves.

The Brownies then headed on the road to Westboro to take on Algonquin in independent action. Agawam was not able to mount any offense and suffered a 7-0 shut-out.

Nick Askins got the start in goal and allowed all seven goals while making 30 saves.

The Brownies are now 2-7 for the season with a 2-4 record in the Berry Division. Their only wins this season have come against Westfield.

Agawam will return to action Thursday against West Springfield at 8:30 p.m. at Olympia Ice Center. They will host Marblehead at 10 a.m. on Monday.

Fishing and hunting swap meet

AGAWAM - The annual Agawam Fishing and Hunting Swap Meet will take place at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St.

The show will take place on March 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a \$2 door charge.

This show will have all kinds of fishing and hunting gear. In the past vendors have new, used, antique Fishing and hunting gear. This includes fresh water, salt water and ice fishing equipment. We also have on hand many antique vendors and sellers to quote that old tackle for free. This show has something for everyone.

If you are interested in selling your gear at this show please call Dave Dussault now at 413-427-0846 to reserve your space. This show has sold out of vending space every year it was held.

Rackliffe Named MASCAC Player of the Week for second consecutive week

FRAMINGHAM - Framingham State junior women's basketball center Alycia Rackliffe, of Feeding Hills, has been named the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Jan. 10.

This is the third time Rackliffe has been honored by the conference this season and second in consecutive weeks.

Rackliffe averaged a double-double of 10.5 points and 16 rebounds with four blocks in a 2-0 week for the Rams. She registered a double-double with 12 points and 14 rebounds in the 65-50 win at Salem State. The junior also tallied nine points, 18 rebounds and eight blocks in a 59-42 win at Bridgewater State.

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the game as Agawam outscored them 13-4 early on.

Rudi Spano, who is one of West Springfield's top scorers, kept the Terriers in the game however, as they come back to within five points at halftime.

Agawam jumped out to a big lead in the third quarter and were able to keep that momentum for the rest of the game. West Springfield could not match Agawam's offense and the Brownies did a great job keeping up the defensive pressure.

D'Amours had a big game with 14 points. Jess Lingenberg and Mirski both had 11 points. Mirski would sink all three of Agawam's 3-pointers in the game.

The Brownies will have a rematch against the Terriers Friday night as they seek to climb over the .500 mark with a 7 p.m. start. Agawam will face Minnechaug on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Agawam's Meghan D'Amours (22) eyes the basket before going up for a shot. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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tured the 100-yard backstroke in 59.21.

Agawam won the 200-yard freestyle relay. Ultimately, it was the second and third place finishes that helped decide the meet for the two teams with Agawam's depth edging it out.

Girls Swimming

The Brownies continued to struggle in the regular season, suffering losses last week against Amherst and Minnechaug to open up the 2016 portion of their schedule.

Agawam was outlasted by Amherst 92-77 as the Hurricanes got the big points when they really needed them. They captured wins in all but one event, the 100-yard breaststroke. Agawam's Sam Switak took that event with a time of 1:25.28.

The Brownies had even more struggles

against Minnechaug, losing 128-52. Agawam did capture two victories with Sophia Pearson picking up the win in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:23.47 and Mary D'Angelo getting the win in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:12.99.

The girls are now 1-5 for the regular season.

The Brownies are scheduled to start league competition with a meet earlier this week against Easthampton. Agawam will next take on the Pope Francis school with a 4 p.m. start this afternoon at Agawam Junior High School. The Brownies then bring in Central for a 4 p.m. meet on Tuesday afternoon.

Agawam's final five meets of the season are all against league opponents.

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a decision winner. The grappler had several nearfalls that led to a 14-7 decision win over Josh Peck.

Jimmy Adams picked up a pinfall in the 120-pound match. Adams won the match in the second period, winning about half-way through.

Daigan Bishop was a winner at 132 pounds, taking the victory with about 20 seconds remaining in the first period.

The match at 145-pounds went to the final period before Joseph Joyal got a pinfall victory with 1:06 remaining in the match.

Troy Carroll won by decision at 152 pounds and Hai Tran was a winner in the second period at 182 pounds.

With the victory, Agawam was able to climb to 6-3 for the regular season. Agawam had an excellent showing over the weekend with wins at Nonnewaug High School in Connecticut.

Agawam is just starting its league schedule and the Brownies will be facing Ludlow, Northampton, and Westfield in the coming weeks.

Coming up this weekend, though, the Brownies will have a tough challenge as they travel to Woburn High School for their Invitational Tournament. It is an individual tournament that features some of the best wrestlers in Eastern Massachusetts, as well as wrestlers from New Hampshire that will challenge Agawam.

The Brownies are back at home on Wednesday against Northampton at 7 p.m.



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Friday, Jan. 15

NORTHEASTERN POULTRY CONGRESS today from noon to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission

Saturday, Jan. 16

SPRINGFIELD MOTORCYCLE SHOW sponsored by the Outdoor Sports Expo Group in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Today 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission, \$15; Children 6 to 12, \$5.

AUTO PARTS SWAP 'N SELL sponsored by Start-Finish Productions, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$12; free for children 12 and under with paid adult.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

THE AGAWAM SAINT PATRICK COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. New members are welcome.

THE TOBACCO VALLEY ARTISTS ASSOCIATION will meet and hold an and art demonstration at 6:30 p.m., at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Artist Diane Caswell Christian will demonstrate the use of fibers in creating a landscape painting. The public is welcome.

EASTERN NATIONAL PIGEON SHOW today 3 to 10 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Thursday, Jan. 21

THE SUFFIELD SENIOR CENTER will host a free 45-minute seminar, "Turn Your Home's Clutter Into Cash," at 10:30 a.m. To register, call the Senior Center at 860-668-8830 or email pascoe@suffieldtownhall.com.

Friday, Jan. 22

THE WOODWORKING SHOW today from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$12 at the door (cash only); 16 and under admitted free with paid adult. Active duty military, police and fire with identification admitted free.

Saturday, Jan. 23

SPRINGFIELD BRIDAL EXPO sponsored by Jenks Productions, Inc., today and tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Betty Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission, \$10; children 12 and under free. Register online to receive discount coupon.

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD WINTERFEST will include a magician and a puppet theater. Magic AI will be in the Majestic Theater, 131 Elm St., at 11 a.m. The Gerwick Puppet Theater will bring Aesop's Fables to life at 2 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brigham Hall, 214 Elm St. For more information on these free events, call "It's West Springfield" at 413-279-4567 or email westspringfield@gmail.com.

Monday, Jan. 25

STAFF FROM FEEDING HILLS WELLNESS will offer free 10-minute sessions of either Reiki or therapeutic massage from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Registration, which begins Jan. 4, is recommended, as time slots are limited, and is by phone only at 413-789-1550, ext. 4.

Friday, Jan. 29

FIRST PERSON PRESENTATION, "Letters Home During the Civil War," from 7 to 8 p.m. at Storrowton Village Museum Meetinghouse on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission \$5; children under 6 free.

Saturday, Jan. 30

RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center, Young Building, Stroh Building and Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission \$14; children 15 and under free when accompanied by an adult. Special online two-ticket pricing.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature the Devine-Nix Duo at 10:30 a.m. Reception to follow. For more information, call Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email fergo9654@aol.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Friday, Feb. 12

DAN JONES, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES column "Modern Love," will share his stories and read from his books at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Scibelli Hall at STCC, One Armory Square, Springfield, as part of its free Ovations series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

Sunday, Feb. 14

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

ONGOING

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Senior Center closed.
Tuesday, Jan. 19: Lasagna and meatballs, spinach salad, peaches.
Wednesday, Jan. 20: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pudding.
Thursday, Jan. 21: Roast chicken with mushroom cream sauce, baby potatoes, broccoli, baked good.
Friday, Jan. 22: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, spinach, diced pears.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Senior Center closed.
Tuesday, Jan. 19: 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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745 Main St., Agawam
786-7111
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SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
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WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 10 a.m.
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.
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Offsite Worship:
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

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50 Maple St., Agawam
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WORSHIP SERVICES
Summer Schedule
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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370 Shoemaker Lane
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Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES
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SUNDAY SERVICES
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789-2026

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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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www.stdavidssagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
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info@stjohnnevangelistchurch.org
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
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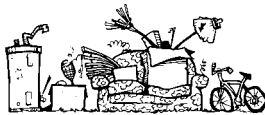
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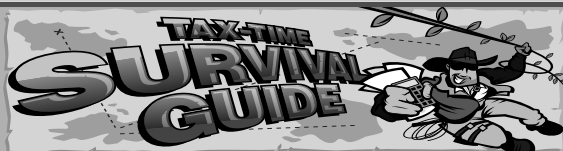
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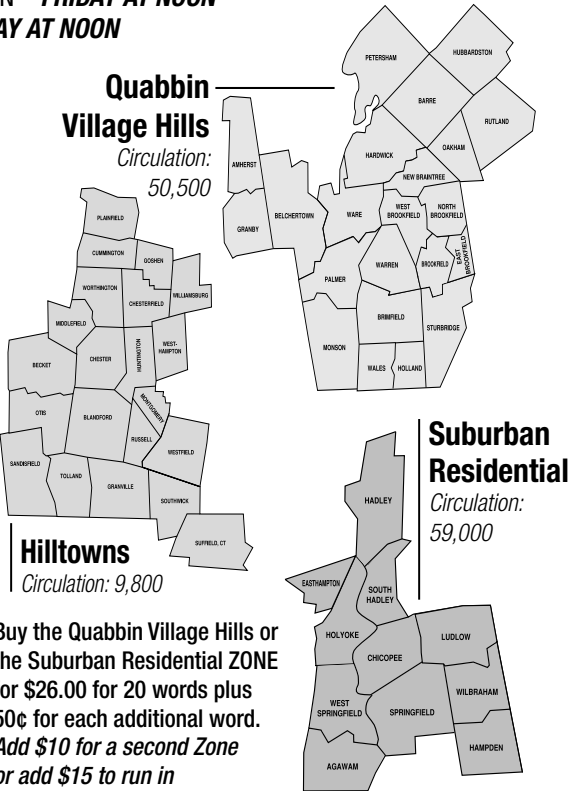


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Six generations of South Florida Drive resident Donna Anton's family gathered for Thanksgiving last year. Seated at left is Donna's great-aunt Lona Glassonas, 88, of West Springfield; seated at right is her mother, Mary Gentile, 87, of Heritage Hall East in Agawam; Donna, 60, is standing at left; standing at right is her daughter Stephanie A. Kelly, 41; standing at center is her grandson Nicholas A. Anton, 23, and on his father's shoulders is her great-grandson Bryce W. Anton, 4. Kelly's family also lives with Donna Anton on South Florida Drive. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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LeDoux – Lyman

Walter J. LeDoux of Portland, Ore., and Debra K. Hedding of Land O' Lakes, Fla., recently announced the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Jaclyn A. LeDoux to Nicholas M. Lyman, son of Michael G. and Laurie J. Lyman of Feeding Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Portland, Ore., and attended the University of South Florida in Tampa. Her fiancé is a 2004 graduate of Agawam High School who earned a B.S. in business administration from Framingham State University and an MBA from the

University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The couple make their living as water-skiers at Legoland in Winter Haven, Fla. Each has achieved recognition in water ski shows and tournaments around the world. They have represented the United States as part of Team USA in biannual global competitions and they are regular performers and competitors with the Tampa Bay Water Ski Show Team in Oldsmar, Fla.

The couple will be married Oct. 28 in a lakeside ceremony on Lake Pierce in Haines City, Fla., near their home in Winter Haven.

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Allison Boucher draws in her memory journal.



Victoria Nguyen, 4, learns how to use one of the stamps for her journal



Dan Marsili helps work on a journal.



Maureen Shepherd shows examples of a memory journal.

Telling their own stories

The Agawam Family and Community Program sponsors a workshop on making "memory journals" on the second Tuesday of every month. Children and their parents are invited to come to the Agawam Public Library to learn how to create a scrapbook of their memories.



Thomas Connery, 7, left, uses mini-paper cutter while working on a journal with his brother, Evan, 9.



Despite the snowy weather outside, the Jan. 12 memory journal program saw a good crowd of children and parents.